

## **Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update** **(as of September 30, 2012)**

In the November 2000 general election, Coloradans passed Amendment 20, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) was tasked with implementing and administering the Medical Marijuana Registry program. In March of 2001, the State of Colorado Board of Health approved the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the administration of the program, and on June 1, 2001, the Registry began accepting and processing applications for registry identification cards.

Statistics of the registry include:

- 195,333 new patient applications have been received to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. The total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards is 107,666.
- Sixty-eight percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 41. Currently forty-five patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-seven percent of patients reside in the Denver-metro area (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas & Jefferson counties), with the remainder of patients residing in counties throughout Colorado.
- Patients on the registry represent all the debilitating conditions covered under Amendment 20. Severe pain accounts for 94 percent of all reported conditions; muscle spasms account for the second-most reported condition at 17 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Fifty-three percent of patients have designated a primary care-giver (someone who has significant responsibility for managing the care of a patient with a debilitating medical condition) or a medical marijuana care center.
- Approximately 900 different physicians have signed for current patients in Colorado.

Please see the attached tables for a complete listing of all statistical information.

As of October 27, 2008 all applications, renewals and changes to the registry must be submitted via mail and include a legible photo copy of the patient's Colorado identification. Faxes and emails are not accepted.

No general funds have been designated for this program. The Colorado Constitution authorizes CDPHE to collect fees to cover the costs of administering the program. Currently the fee is \$35, and is evaluated annually by CDPHE. The fee was lowered from \$110 on June 1, 2007, and was again lowered from \$90 on January 1, 2012.

Table I: County Information

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>	<b>Percent of Patients</b>
Adams	7,905	7%
Alamosa	256	<1%
Arapahoe	10,365	10%
Archuleta	390	<1%
Baca	47	<1%
Bent	53	<1%
Boulder	9,344	9%
Broomfield	1,036	1%
Chaffee	560	1%
Cheyenne	26	<1%
Clear Creek	433	<1%
Conejos	92	<1%
Costilla	137	<1%
Crowley	81	<1%
Custer	111	<1%
Delta	586	1%
Denver	17,131	16%

Dolores	64	<1%
Douglas	3,226	3%
Eagle	1,117	1%
El Paso	14,648	14%
Elbert	308	<1%
Fremont	1,081	1%
Garfield	1,367	1%
Gilpin	388	<1%
Grand	374	<1%
Gunnison	348	<1%
Hinsdale	20	<1%
Huerfano	218	<1%
Jackson	16	<1%
Jefferson	11,941	11%
Kiowa	11	<1%
Kit Carson	61	<1%
La Plata	1,756	2%
Lake	205	<1%
Larimer	5,186	5%
Las Animas	238	<1%
Lincoln	43	<1%
Logan	204	<1%
Mesa	2,261	2%
Mineral	10	<1%
Moffat	203	<1%
Montezuma	699	1%
Montrose	677	1%
Morgan	208	<1%
Otero	245	<1%
Ouray	131	<1%
Park	721	1%
Phillips	36	<1%
Pitkin	723	1%
Prowers	112	<1%
Pueblo	2,882	3%
Rio Blanco	70	<1%
Rio Grande	159	<1%
Routt	945	1%
Saguache	226	<1%
San Juan	22	<1%
San Miguel	357	<1%
Sedgwick	21	<1%
Summit	1,029	1%
Teller	934	1%
Washington	60	<1%
Weld	3,475	3%
Yuma	87	<1%

\* Indicates fewer than three patients in the category

Table II: Conditions

<b>Reported Condition</b>	<b>Number of Patients Reporting Condition</b>	<b>Percent of Patients Reporting Condition**</b>
Cachexia	1,323	1%
Cancer	2,850	3%
Glaucoma	1,100	1%
HIV/AIDS	688	1%
Muscle Spasms	18,189	17%
Seizures	1,813	2%
Severe Pain	100,845	94%
Severe Nausea	12,265	11%

\*\*Does not add to 100% as some patients report using medical marijuana for more than one debilitating medical condition.

Table III: User Characteristics

<b>Sex</b>	<b>Percent on Registry</b>	<b>Average Age**</b>
Male	68%	41
Female	32%	43

\*\* The overall average age of all patients is 41 years old.